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2. Soviet freight car doors are sealed with a steel latch. There is one hole in the door and another in the latch. A piece of wire is drawn through the holes which are 1/4" to 3/16". The conductor puts the wire in a lead seal which is about the size of a nickel. The name of the station and the date is impressed on the seal flap. Both ends of the wire go through a slot in the lead seal. The conductor compresses the wire with a key and this action more or less welds the wire into one piece. The joining is not for strength, but is just an indication that the seal and the door have been tampered with.
3. The origin of the freight is indicated on the seal. The destination of the car is listed with white chalk on the side of the car in a special spot in one corner of the car so that when the door is opened, the destination markings will not be covered. The markings are low, so that they can be easily read, about 5' 5" from the ground.
4. Routing is indicated in the same space on the car.

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